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# Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

DAVIES ET AL.

Examiner

Joy K. Contee

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## Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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## Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 June 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

## Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-22 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8, 21 and 22 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 9 and 17 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 10-16, 18-20 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

## Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

## Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

## Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Response to Arguments***

1. Applicant's arguments with respect to claim 17 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground of rejection.

### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

2. The indicated allowability of claim 9 is withdrawn in view of the newly discovered references to Schiff et al. US 6,233,456. Rejections based on the newly cited references follow.
3. Claims 1-8,21 and 22 are allowed.
4. Claims 10-16 and 18-20 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

6. Claims 9 & 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schiff et al. (Schiff), U.S. Patent No. 6,233,456.

Regarding claims 9 and 17, Schiff discloses a method for performing handoffs in a network having at least first and second wireless base stations and at least one

wireless terminal, the method comprising the steps of: transmitting a request from said wireless terminal for a handoff between said first base station to said second base station; when said second base station does not know said first base station prior to receiving said request inherently connecting to said second base station (i.e., reads on base station not identified in handover candidate information) without benefit of information (i.e., reads on handover candidate information stored in adjacency matrix) supplied from said first base station or receiving a response to said request at said wireless terminal when said second base station knows said first base station prior to request, said response indicating that said second base station can engage in expedited handoffs with said first base station (col. 17, lines 12-31).

What Schiff does not explicitly disclose is that the wireless terminal receives an indication that it must connect to said second base station.

However, at the time of the invention it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art that the mobile in Schiff would receive notification of expedited or non expedited handover for the purpose of updating mobile terminal with handoff status.

### ***Conclusion***

7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Lupien, US Patent No. 6,125,276, discloses interexchange signaling for incall service change requests.

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Joy K. Contee whose telephone number is

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571.272.7906. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday, 5:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Marsha Banks-Harold can be reached on 571.272.7905. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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